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ATTORNEY 'S DOCKET NUMBER U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE 59836-140 TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES APPEATION NO TITLE WE DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EQ/US) **CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371** INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED PCT/EP2004/051891 August 24, 2004 September 9, 2003 TITLE OF INVENTION AN ARTIFICIAL NEURAL NETWORK APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Buscema, Paolo Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: This application is the national stage filing of corresponding international application number PCT/EP2004/051891, filed August 24, 2004, which claims priority to and benefit of European Application No. 03425582.8, filed September 9, 2003. 1. This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). 4. The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31). 5. A copy of the International Application (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) a. \boxtimes is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. \square has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. \square is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). a. \square is attached hereto. b. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 1 54(d)(4). 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) a. \square are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. \square have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. \(\sum \) have not been made and will not be made. 8. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)). 9. An unexecuted oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included: 11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98; PTO 1449 and references cited therein. 12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. A FIRST preliminary amendment. 14. A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. 15. A substitute specification. 16. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 17. A paper and computer-readable form of the sequence listing 18. A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 1 54(d)(4).

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